

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-16 and 21-34. In view of the following remarks and the attached terminal disclaimer, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejection

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-16 and 21-34 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of the Coles et al. reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,633,486). Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejection, Applicants submit a properly executed terminal disclaimer attached hereto as Appendix A. Applicants respectfully submit that the terminal disclaimer obviates the Examiner's obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Further, because obviousness-type double patenting was the sole basis for the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-16 and 21-34, Applicants believe that these claims are currently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection and allowance of claims 1-16 and 21-34.

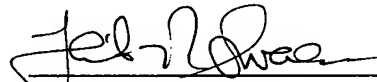
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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims should be in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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Appendix A